

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A game apparatus for executing a war simulation game, comprising:

a first generator for generating image data to display a normal state image on a preset display, which includes a map, at least one player's element, and at least one opponent's element, both elements being positioned on the map;

a first controller for activating the first generator when operation data indicating an operation by a game player is sent to the first controller and controlling the first generator to generate the image data for the normal state image according to the operation data;

a second generator for generating image data to display a combat state image on the preset display, which represents that one of the at least one player's element fights against one of the at least one opponent's element;

a second controller for activating the second generator when the operation data is sent to the second controller and controlling the second generator to generate the image data in real time in response to the operation data, wherein the real time generation of image data is free of a turn-based generation of image data; and

a selector for receiving the operation data, determining whether or not the operation data satisfies a preset condition, and sending the operation data to either the first controller or the second controller in accordance with the determination

wherein the map of the normal state image comprises a

plurality of areas, and each of the both elements is positioned in one of the plurality of areas respectively, ~~and~~

wherein the second controller determines, according to the operation data, whether or not an area in which the desired player's element is positioned is adjacent to an area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned, and controls the second generator so that the displayed combat state image represents the desired player's element to fight the desired opponent's element in short-range circumstance when the area in which the desired player's element is positioned is adjacent to the area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned, while the display combat state image represents the desired player's element to fight the desired opponent's element in long-range circumstance when the area in which the desired player's element is positioned is not adjacent to the area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned, and

wherein the map comprises a matrix form having a plurality of geographic features that exert an influence upon a result of combat between the at least one player's element and the at least one opponent's element.

2. (previously presented) The game apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the preset condition is whether the operation data includes an instruction that desired one of the at least one player's element should fight against desired one of the at least one opponent's element, and wherein the selector sends the operation data to the second controller when the operation data satisfies the preset condition.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (previously presented) The game apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second controller detects a distance between the desired player's element and the desired opponent's element according to the operation data, and controls the second generator so that the displayed combat state image reflects the detected distance.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A method of executing a war simulation game on a game apparatus, comprising:

a first generating step of generating image data to display a normal state image on a preset display of the game apparatus, which includes a map, at least one player's element and at least one opponent's element, both elements being positioned on the map;

a first controlling step of activating the first generating step in response to reception operation data indicating an operation by a game player and controlling the first generating step to generate the image data for the normal state image according to the operation data;

a second generating step of generating image data to display a combat state image on the preset display, which represents that one of the at least one player's element fights against one of the at least one opponent's element;

a second controlling step of activating the second generating step in response to reception of the operation data and controlling the second generating step to generate the image data in real time in response to the operation data, wherein the

real time generation of image data is free of a turn-based generation of image data; and

a selecting step of receiving the operation data, determining whether or not the operation data satisfies a preset condition, and sending the operation data to either the first controlling step or the second controlling step in accordance with the determination,

wherein the map of the normal state image comprises a plurality of areas having a plurality of geographic features, and each of the both elements is positioned in one of the plurality of areas respectively, and further comprising:

step of determining, according to the operation data, whether or not an area in which the desired player's element is positioned is adjacent to an area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned, and

controlling the second generator so that the displayed combat state image represents the desired player's element to fight the desired opponent's element in short-range circumstance when the area in which the desired player's element is positioned is adjacent to the area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned, while the display combat state image represents the desired player's element to fight the desired opponent's element in long-range circumstance when the area in which the desired player's element is positioned is not adjacent to the area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned,

wherein the plurality of geographic features exert an influence upon a result of combat between the at least one player's element and the at least one opponent's element.

8. (currently amended) A storage medium having computer

readable program code means embodied in the medium, the computer readable program code means comprising:

first computer readable program code means for generating image data to display a normal state image on a preset display, which includes a map, at least one player's element, and at least one opponent's element, both elements being positioned on the map, wherein the map of the normal state image comprises a plurality of areas having a plurality of geographic features, and each of the both elements is positioned in one of the plurality of areas respectively;

second computer readable program code means for activating the first computer readable program code means in response to reception operation data indicating an operation by a game player and controlling the first computer readable program code means to generate the image data for the normal state image according to the operation data;

third computer readable program code means for generating image data to display a combat state image on the preset display, which represents that one of the at least one player's element fights against one of the at least one opponent's element;

fourth computer readable program code means for activating the third computer readable program code means in response to reception of the operation data and controlling the third computer readable program code means to generate the image data in real time in response to the operation data, wherein the real time generation of image data is free of a turn-based generation of image data; and

fifth computer readable program code means for receiving the operation data, determining whether or not the operation data satisfies a preset condition, and sending the operation

data to either the second computer readable program code means or the fourth computer readable program code means in accordance with the determination, and the computer readable program code means further comprising:

computer readable program code means for determining, according to the operation data, whether or not an area in which the desired player's element is positioned is adjacent to an area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned, and

computer readable program code means for controlling the second generator so that the displayed combat state image represents the desired player's element to fight the desired opponent's element in short-range circumstance when the area in which the desired player's element is positioned is adjacent to the area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned, while the display combat state image represents the desired player's element to fight the desired opponent's element in long-range circumstance when the area in which the desired player's element is positioned is not adjacent to the area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned, and the plurality of geographic features exert an influence upon a result of combat between the at least one player's element and the at least one opponent's element.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) The game apparatus of claim 1, wherein the movements of the at least one player's element and the at least one opponent's element are influenced by the plurality of geographic features of the map.

12. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the movements of the at least one player's element and the at least one opponent's element are influenced by the plurality of geographic features of the map.

13. (New) The storage medium of claim 8, wherein the movements of the at least one player's element and the at least one opponent's element are influenced by the plurality of geographic features of the map.